



Cobb County Comprehensive Transportation Plan City of Acworth Public Meeting #1

City of Acworth

Meeting Date: April 12, 2006
Meeting Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Location: Acworth City Hall
4415 Senator Russell Avenue
Acworth, GA
Attendance: ≈31 citizens

Agenda

Opening, Meeting Purpose and Introductions

Study Scope, Process and Schedule

Citizen Participation Program

Citizens Participate

Closing

Meeting Summary

Participants were asked to sign in upon arrival and provided with project materials including a fact sheet, public meeting schedule, comment sheet, project business card and a meeting agenda. Area maps were on display for participants to review. Mayor Tommy Allegood, City of Acworth, called the meeting to order, recognized other elected officials, welcomed the participants, and gave a brief overview of the project and its importance to the City of Acworth. He also briefly discussed the status of the City's SPLOST projects. He then turned the meeting over to the City's Comprehensive Plan Consultant who gave the participants a brief update on the Comp Plan. The meeting was then turned over to CTP Project Consultant Steve Cote, DWA, who introduced the project team and made a power point presentation on the study scope, process and schedule. Marian Clements discussed the citizen participation program. The presentation is a part of the record copy of these meeting notes and can be found on the Project website at: www.cobbdot.org/ctp.

Citizens were asked to provide feedback on the following topics:

- How did you find out about this meeting?
- Describe your City and Cobb County, as you would like them to be 25 years from now. Include a description of your dream transportation system.
- What are the biggest obstacles to your ability to move about your City and Cobb County?
- What techniques would you recommend to increase citizen participation in this study?
- Are there any comments or questions about the meeting or the process for public outreach?

The responses are recorded below.

Participants were encouraged to spread the word about the study within their community, City and the County. They were also invited to visit the project website, located on the City and County websites, for updates to the study. The meeting was adjourned.



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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

How did you find out about this meeting?

- Flyer – 0
- Email – 4
- Direct mail –
- County website – 0
- City website – 1
- Cobb Line – 0
- Road sign – 16
- Newspaper – 4 (Marietta Daily Journal, Paulding Neighbor, Bright Side, AJC)
- Other – 1

Group 1

Describe your City and Cobb County, as you would like them to be 25 years from now. Include a description of your dream transportation system.

- Not making Cobb suffer impacts of surrounding growth; create alternate routes and a 3rd Curry Road/Bartow County
- Cars off the road; work at home
- More direct pattern from I-75/(Lake Green to Glade Rd.)
- More diversity in implementation of traffic calming
- Major transit arteries (transit and cars) through routes without commercial development
- More green space/less outdoor advertising
- Wireless society
- Airport to north/jets
- Rail system (partner with bus rapid transit)
- Keep rural Cobb. Too much encroachment from development (around Lake Allatoona)
- Preserve rural character
- Buses on weekends/ extend hours of operation
- More information regarding CCT; few people know about it
- Quaint historic community with lots of trees
- Rerouting the railroad track – make it pax rail
- Buffer to protect water and air; clean water and air
- Truckless environment – separate trucks from regular traffic
- Enhance bike lanes
- More sidewalks without tacky little yellow signs

What are the biggest obstacles to your ability to move about your City and Cobb County?

- SR92 & Nance Rd.
- Young drivers off road
- Gridlock on I-75
- Need exit on I-75 after Lake Allatoona
- Synchronize traffic lights
- Exit on Hickory Rd.
- Volume of cars – no incentive to carpool
- East – west connectivity inadequate



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- People do not want to use mass transit
- Tax incentive for employers to involve employees
- Mixed use at transit locations

What techniques would you recommend to increase citizen participation in this study?

- More road signs at better locations
- Utility bills payment offices
- Libraries
- Homeowners Association
- Better information on the City website
- Flyer in gas bill/water bill

Are there any comments or questions about the meeting or the process for public outreach?

- None

Group 2

Describe your City and Cobb County, as you would like them to be 25 years from now. Include a description of your dream transportation system.

- Electric hybrid buses
- Better mass transit
- Build homes up rather than out
- Express lanes and local arteries stacked/decked system
- Airway travel
- Monorail parallel to highways leading to businesses and shopping
- Connectivity to business and shopping
- Less high density
- Better synchronization of traffic signals
- Accident prevention systems
- Segways
- Outer perimeter
- New access to I-75 from Cedarcrest Rd. (local roads)
- More lanes on 41, 75, 92
- Sidewalks
- Set stopping points for growth since there are no natural boundaries (no mountains, oceans, etc.)
- Separate lanes for trucks and automobiles
- Rapid rail
- Entertainment centers
- More park & ride facilities for carpooling to Atlanta
- Cars transported by rail system

What are the biggest obstacles to your ability to move about your City and Cobb County?

- Highway 92
- Too much traffic



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- Too little mass transit
- Improve secondary roads
- Too many multi-seat vehicles; need disincentive
- Managed density near major corridors and mass transit
- Not enough sidewalks
- Right-of-way enforcement for pedestrians; cars do not yield
- Better lighting on streets
- Large trucks on roads
- Traffic enforcement lacking beyond speeding
- Better feeder system for buses
- Better routes and times for buses
- Safety and security on mass transit

What techniques would you recommend to increase citizen participation in this study?

- Need for a local newspaper
- Senior Citizens Centers
- Interview youth about what they would like to see in 2030

Are there any comments or questions about the meeting or the process for public outreach?

- None